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SUBJ: CAPE TOWN WORK BOYCOTT LARGELY INEFFECTIVE

REF: CAPE TOWN 1027

1. IT APPEARS THAT WORK BOYCOTT CALLED FOR TODAY (SEPT 15) HAS BEEN ONLY marginally effective. MOST INDUSTRIES AND OFFICES WE HAVE CHECKED REPORT 80 PERCENT ATTENDANCE RATES. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SOURCES ESTIMATE AVERAGE NON-WHITE ATTENDANCE AT BIG CHAIN STORES IN AREA OF 60-80 PERCENT. SOME SMALL SHOPS CLOSED BUT MOST BUSINESS CONCERNS ARE OPN AND OPERATING NEAR NORMAL. NUMBERS OF SHOPPERS APPEAR BELOW NORMAL AS WAS EXPECTED. ON OTHER HAND, INITIAL RESPONSE INDICATES THAT OBSERVANCE OF SCHOOG BOYCOTT NEARLY TOTAL WITH FEW STUDENTS APPEARING AT NON-WHITE SCHOOLS. NMREPEAT NO INCIDENTS REPORTED SO FAR.

2. REASONSFOR RELATIVELY LOW RESPONSE PROBABLY INCLUDE
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"NO WORK - NO PAY" PRINCIPLE ANNOUNCED BY MANY FIRMS AND

CIRCULATION OF CONFLICTING ANONYMOUS LEAFLETS YESTERDAY,
SOME OF WHICH INDICATED BOYCOTT POSTPONED TO NEXT WEEK
AND SOME SAYING IT HAD BEEN CANCELLED. SEVERAL
SOURCES TELL US THAT STAY-AWAYS MOST NOTICEABLE
AMONG YOUNGER STAFF AND MOST SENIOR STAFF, PERHAPS
INDICATING GREATER OBSERVANCE AMONG MORE POLITICALLY-
AWARE ELEMENTS. ASSUMING RETURNING WORKERS ENCOUNTER
NO SERIOUS DISORDERS THIS EVEING PROSPECTS ARE THAT
BOYCOTT EFFORT LIKELY TO BE EVEN LESS EFFECTIVE
TOMORROW.
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